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At page 3, line 6 thereof, please delete the section heading "<u>Description of the</u> invention" and insert the following new section heading and new paragraph:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention relates, in general, to surfactant mixtures for the preparation of solid, foam-controlled laundry detergents, and more particularly, to surfactant mixtures with high contents of specifically selected nonionic surfactants and no or only low contents of anionic surfactants. Further subject-matter of the present invention relates to solid foam-controlled laundry detergents comprising such surfactant mixtures, and the use of such surfactant mixtures for the preparation of solid, foam-controlled detergents.--



At page 8, line 14 thereof, please insert the following new section heading:

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-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 57, between lines 1 and 2, please add the following new paragraph:

AN -- What is claimed is:--.

On a separate, new page 66, please add the following new section heading and paragraph containing an Abstract of the Disclosure:

-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Surfactant mixtures comprising (a) a nonionic surfactant mixture present in an amount greater than 60% by weight, based on the weight of the surfactant mixture, the nonionic surfactant mixture comprising: (i) at least one alk(en)yl oligoglycoside of the general formula (I),

$R^1O-[G]_p$ (I)

wherein R¹ represents an alk(en)yl radical having from 4 to 22 carbon atoms, G represents a sugar radical having 5 or 6 carbon atoms and p represents a number from 1 to 10; and (ii) at least one nonionic surfactant of the general formula (II)